

# A \$200,000 Stock of Pianos, Organs, Musical Instruments to be Sacrificed at The Annual Xmas Sale of the Cable Company

Every instrument in this sale is guaranteed. A Stool and Scarf is given absolutely free with every Piano. You can buy now and we will hold and deliver the Piano as a Christmas surprise. Owing to the closing out of a branch store, we have on sale the largest lot of Piano bargains ever displayed in this store. Over \$200,000.00 worth of stock, representing the finest of The Cable Company's line of Pianos, together with standard Pianos of other makes, a fine line of Organs, and our complete stock of small instruments, are offered during this stupendous sale at prices in some cases only ONE-HALF THE REAL VALUE. DON'T OVERLOOK THE OPPORTUNITY. IF YOU EVER EXPECT TO BUY A PIANO, YOU WILL NEVER HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE THAT WILL BE AS GOOD AS THIS ONE.

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- 1 Knabe Grand Piano (second hand), cost \$1,500, now....\$400
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- 1 Waters Upright (second hand), cost \$300, now ....\$125
- 1 Halleck & Davis (second hand), cost \$325, now ....\$125
- 1 Knabe Upright (second hand), cost \$600, now ....\$275
- 1 Imperial Upright (second hand), cost \$400, now ....\$135
- 1 Fischer (second hand), cost \$400, now ....\$125

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of every description—Guitars, Banjos, Mandolins, Music Boxes, Harmonicas, Sheet Music, Music Cabinets, etc., etc., etc.

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11 Cable Pianos, formerly sold for \$450, have been out on rental. These Pianos have been repolished, revoiced, tuned and regulated, and are practically as good as new. Priced now at

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9 \$275 Wellington Pianos, slightly used, but in good condition.

**Price \$190**

Special Prices, Xmas Only.

Several Carloads Upright Pianos ordered especially for Xmas trade,

**\$150**

22 \$375 Kingsbury Pianos, shop-worn and slightly used, but in perfect condition; cannot be told from new Pianos.

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16 \$350 Kingsbury Pianos, shop-worn and slightly used, but in perfect condition.

**Price \$224**

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12 Brand New DeKoven Pianos, just from the factory; perfect condition and tone, and exceptionally fine bargains. To Christmas customers,

**Price \$198**

16 \$275 Wellington Pianos, shop-worn, but as good as new.

**Price \$212**

Stool and Scarf Free with every piano sold

RICHMOND, - VA.

# The Cable Company.

## FINE WORK BEING DONE

Pupils of High School Paying Strict Attention to Business—Miss Brinkhaus Writes to the Children.

By a clerical error in the report of the standing of the schools in the public high and graded schools of The Times-Dispatch Statutory Contest, the account of the Marshall School was inadvertently omitted in Sunday's paper.

Following is the list as it should have appeared:

**Public High and Graded Schools.**

Central.....	43.24
Springfield.....	44.22
Manchester.....	44.46
High.....	45.22
West End.....	39.77
Leigh.....	38.89
Madison.....	26.96
Bellevue.....	22.29
Randolph.....	15.53
Edin.....	14.48
Nicholson.....	16.50
Marshall.....	16.26
Chimborazo.....	12.47

**Visit to High School.**

A visit by Miss Brinkhaus to the High School yesterday disclosed to her that in spite of the cramped conditions of the building, the teachers and pupils are doing excellent work. It is very pleasant to contemplate what Richmond can do, and will do, when it gets its new High School completed.

It is very evident that the pupils of the Richmond High School are anxious to see a collection of sculpture in the new building, as shown by their raising the school last Sunday to fourth place in the Contest for Schoolroom Decoration.

While time did not permit Miss Brinkhaus to stay in the different rooms to hear recitations, one exception was made, and that in favor of German. Much of the work was by the conversational method, and certainly the teacher is to be congratulated upon the fine results obtained.

Two teachers and twenty pupils from the Barton Heights School called at Room 8, Times Building, on Saturday morning.

Another evidence of the enthusiasm of Barton Heights in the contest. In examining the casts which make up collection No. 1, much interest was manifested, although the greatest amount was shown in connection with collection No. 6, destined for a county school.

This collection contains the Winged Victory. After looking at it long and earnestly,

one bright boy said: "If we win that, I am going to save my money and buy it a head."

## Letter to Pupils.

The weekly letter of Miss Brinkhaus to the pupils is as follows:

The Times-Dispatch, Department of Schoolroom Decoration. Dear Pupils.—Every one is telling me that this Christmas Day will be the happiest one of their lives for the children of Richmond, Manchester and Henrico county. You know why, don't you? Well, it is because on Christmas Day The Times-Dispatch will act as Santa Claus, and place in the stockings of nineteen schools something to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. You will be so glad if your school is one of the nineteen! If your school is not one of the nineteen, why you will just say, "Well, we are glad for the others—that they are going to have something to make their buildings more beautiful. We ourselves did the best we could, and one expects us to have done more." I know that is what you will say, for all through the contest we have been learning lessons of unselfishness, and in last week's letter we were agreed that believing ourselves to belong to a land in which the Golden Rule prevailed would make us residents of that land.

During the week just passed you and I have become better acquainted, for I have had the pleasure of looking into many of your rooms, to see you at your work. To me it is always a beautiful sight to see a schoolroom filled with bright-faced boys and girls, and as I have looked at you I have wished that each, in his own way, would do something to make the whole world better for his having lived.

In every schoolroom in the country that I have visited I have discovered some very interesting little people who are not visible to the naked eye. I have seen them in the Richmond schools. They are fairies, whose names are "Obedience," "Punctuality," "Courage" and "Good Cheer."

Obedience is the good fairy, who whispers into your ear that what she is ready to give you is a wonderful gift both for school life and home life. It is her gift that makes boys and girls obey their parents and teachers, and learning to obey parents and teachers prepares us

to obey rules in after life. This learning to obey orders is a great thing, for obeying orders may often mean saving life as we have many times read in newspaper accounts of accidents.

"Punctuality" is another fairy, who presides in schoolrooms. She is a twin sister of "Obedience," and watches over the seconds and the minutes very carefully. She has to, you know, for the seconds and the minutes are such slippery things. "Punctuality" always grieves when boys and girls are tardy, when they are a slow in getting ready for their school work, for she knows that when the minutes thus lost from her treasure box take wings like the birds, they never return, are lost forever.

"Courage" is a boy fairy. You have felt his presence when he touched you with his wand and told you to stand up like brave soldiers when you had done wrong. Sometimes, some boys or girls, turn their backs upon the good fairy "Obedience" for a little while, and she is sorrowful. "The boys and girls of Richmond would not do it for long. I know. Sometimes some one may be out of order just a little. Some one may have done something to the room, in the basement, in the yard, that injures the rights of others. That is when "Courage" comes to the rescue and helps pupils to confess when the teachers or principal ask who did it. I like "Courage," don't you?

"Good Cheer" usually stands in the front of the room. Those who have been touched by her magic staff wear sunny faces and are always trying to make this old world a more cheerful place for their teachers and schoolmates. I can always feel "Good Cheer" the minute I step over the threshold of a schoolroom, and am glad for the boys and girls who have induced her to remain with them, glad for the teacher, too.

If you have never been introduced to these four fairies by name, do so now. Please invite them to stay in your rooms and promise them that you will recognize them as presiding geniuses. Think of them as coming to school every day, sitting at your desks with you, playing with you at recess, and invite them to stay with you all through life. They are very good company, no matter where you may be!

Thanking you for your many letters and compositions, I am,  
Always your friend,  
GERTRUDE L. BRINKHAUS,  
Director.

## LICENSE REFUSED.

Commissioner Turns Down Keystone Guard of Athens.

Commissioner Joseph Burton has refused to license the Keystone Guard, of Athens, Pa. This action was taken on account of the Class B membership of the concern. Under this form of membership the insured pays \$5.00 a month, and the certificate agrees to pay him a sum not exceeding \$500 at the end of five years.

Under this form, a total cash payment, without interest, would be \$250 on each \$500 certificate, and it is impossible to conceive of any legitimate operation by which a sufficient rate of interest could be earned to increase this sum of \$250 to a sum anywhere near approaching the maximum amount stated in the certificate.

The issuance of these certificates is misleading, in that the insured are led to believe that they will receive \$500, which is manifestly an impossibility, and the department, therefore, will not allow them to do business in Virginia.

License has also been refused two other companies of this character, which have applied to the department for license. The Keystone Guard is a fraternal order,

## PROBE SOUTHERN ACCIDENT TO-DAY

Corporation Commission Will Begin Searching Inquiry as to Catastrophe at Lawyers.

ALL WITNESSES SUMMONED

Officers of Company to Attend and Employees to Be Rigidly Examined.

Of far more than passing interest will be the searching inquiry into the causes of the fatal accident on the Southern Railway at Lawyers on Thanksgiving Day, which will begin before the State Corporation Commission at 11 o'clock this morning. It is now expected that the hearings will consume as much as two days.

All those who could possibly have any knowledge, however remote, of the causes of the awful calamity have been summoned, and will be called upon by the members of the commission, under oath, to tell all they know.

The surviving members of the crews of trains Nos. 2 and 35, which were involved in the wreck, will, of course, be important witnesses, as will also G. D. Mattox, the operator who was on duty at Ragoon on the fatal morning. The block-house operators at both Lawyers and Ragoon will be here, and will testify, and Robert Mattox, a brother of the Ragoon operator, who was in the office at the time of the crash at Lawyers, has also been summoned.

Albert Farmer, a citizen of Campbell county, who was in the office at Lawyers and who witnessed the accident, will be put on, as will Mr. Jacob, the telegraph operator at Lawyers.

All Are Summoned.

A good many of the officials of the Southern will be here from Washington

and other points, but it is not expected that they will be able to tell much concerning the details of the affair.

Mr. Sam W. Bigger, one of the clerks to the commission, who was deputized by the body to summon certain important witnesses in Campbell county, made his return yesterday, which was to the effect that he had duly executed the papers.

The former Ragoon operator was not personally found by Mr. Bigger, but his notice was left with the sheriff of Campbell county for execution. Mr. Bigger, however, says that he was informed of Mr. Mattox's willingness to come, and that he had already arranged his transportation.

Mr. Mattox was one of the chief witnesses at the inquiry in Washington, which was conducted by the officials of the company.

**Another Inquiry.**

The wreck, which took place on the Southern road near Danville Saturday morning, is regarded by the commission as a subject for inquiry, and it is said that from the point of view of carloaders, it is even less excusable than that in which President Spencer lost his life.

As soon as the result of the coroner's inquest in this matter is known, the commission will take up the question of going into the causes of this wreck, and it is more than likely that all the parties concerned will be called here to explain at some early date.

The proceeding to-day will be entirely by and at the instance of the commission, and no attorneys will appear. The questions will be propounded by the members of the commission.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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When arrested Stricklin confessed that he had two wives, but claimed that the woman whom he married in Columbia, S. C., and who is still a resident of that city, had a husband living when he married her. Upon learning this fact, he left her, and came to Asheville. He was married here to Mrs. E. E. Madden, on November 23 last.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED AT STATE LIBRARY

Many Volumes Have Been Sent in to Enlarge the Vast Collection

Among the books recently received at the State Library are the following: Dixie After the War, by Mrs. Avary. The Philippine Islands, Vol. 41. Parties and Slavery, by T. C. Smith. Full set of works of John Burroughs, fourteen volumes.

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We've just received a large shipment of moderate priced, up-to-date Kitchen Cabinets. Any housekeeper would be tickled to get one of these.

## Hustings Court at Work

The December term of the Hustings Court began yesterday with the calling of the docket and the setting of cases for trial at this term. This will be one of the busiest terms of this tribunal ever recorded, there being nearly two hundred cases to be disposed of.